(b) if so, the details thereof for the last six months, months-wise, and the steps being taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the number of cases of kidnapping/abduction in recent months. The month-wise number of cases of kidnapping/abduction, and the persons murdered after being kidnapped abducted, reported during the last six months from 1.9.94 to 28.2.95 and the corresponding period a year ago are as under:—

Month	From 1-9-94 to 28-2-95		From 1-9-93 to 28-2-94	
	Kidnapping/abduction cases	Persons murdered	Kidnapping/abduction cases	Persons murdered
1994				
September	101	3	73	..
October	66	2	59	2
November	88	1	52	1
December	86	..	52	4
1995				
January	76	3	68	1
February	77	2	67	2
Total	493	11	371	10

To check the crime of kidnapping of children, kidnappers and other criminals having previous history are kept under surveillance. Intelligence gathering machinery has also been geared up Motor-cycle patrolling as well as PCR surveillance have been intensified. Advertisements have been issued in the press for educating the public about safety measures. Special Cells have been created at the District level under the Crime Branch, and also in each of the nine police districts, assigning dedicated teams for investigation of kidnapping and abduction cases. Safety tips for parents of school-going children have been prepared, widely published in the news-papers and circulated to all the schools.

NHRC report about children in Patna jail

1358. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news report published in the 'Jagran' of

the 19th September, 1993 in which Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission is reported to have painted the grim picture of the Patna Central Jail and the children between 13-14 years held in that prison; if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission have reported killing of 200 innocent persons as terrorists in Palamu, Chatra, Gaya and other districts in Bihar during a year and half; if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken, if any, or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) A report on these lines appeared in "Dainik Jagran" on September 19, 1994. 'Prisons' being a State subject, it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with any matter relating to administration of prisons according to their rules, regulations, procedures and provisions of jail manuals. However, the National Human Rights Commission has already taken up the case of 10 juvenile prisoners with the Registrar-General of Patna High Court on 10-10-94 to take *sumotu* action to quash the proceedings initiated against them under section 109 of Criminal Procedure Code and releasing them without undue delay.

(b) A report was handed over on behalf of the Bihar People's Union for Civil Liberties to the National Human Rights Commission alleging killing of 11 persons by Gaya Police Pursuant to the complaint of PUCL the Commission is already seized of the matter.

Role of Intelligence Organisations in ISRO espionage case

1359. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala High Court has express their despleasure on the failure of the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing to comply with their directives to produce records about ISRO espionage case;

(b) if so, the reasons for not producing the records before the Court;

(c) the action taken by Government against the delinquent officials in this regard;

(d) whether the Court also passed strictures against C.B.I. in the matter of faulty investigation in the espionage case; and

(e) whether the C.B.I. has now carried out any fresh enquiries; if so the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) Records of Intelligence Bureau as desired by the Kerala High Court were produced before the Hon'ble Court. The Kerala High Court has not passed any strictures but directed the CBI to ensure proper investigations in the case. The Court also directed CBI to re-examine the issue which is being done and the case is still under investigation. The CBI has also filed Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the order and judgement of the Kerala High Court. The investigation in the matter is still continuing and has not yet been completed.